

SOMETHING FOR THE ILLIOKOTA  
MISSION BOARD TO THINK ABOUT.

LITCHFIELD, ILL., May 14, 1894.

BRETHREN EVANGELIST:—I am in Illinois on a business trip—am at Litchfield at present. We have a few members here. I learn through Bro. D. Studebaker, who is a minister and elder in the Brethren church and resides here, that Brother Swihart organized a church here a few years ago. But some have moved away, and having no preaching they have dwindled down to four or five members.

I attended divine services yesterday morning at the German Baptist church; yesterday at 11 A. M., and went again at 7.30 P. M., and to my surprise the minister, Brother Flory of Gerard, came to me and asked me to come up in the pulpit and preach.

I accepted the invitation. Preached from the words in the lxxi Psalm—"I am as a wonder unto Many." God bless Brother Flory and his church in this place. Brethren, the feeling among our people and the German Baptist is becoming more like Christ and we should work more fervently that brotherly love may grow and flow toward each other like a river does toward the ocean. Christ is the ocean and we should all flow in that direction. May the time soon come when we will be one in aim, in purpose, in worship, and in spreading and enlarging the Kingdom of Christ.

Brother D. Studebaker preaches for the Auburn church every two weeks. But he is financially poor like myself and must engage in other business to make a living. Brother Studebaker thinks of trying to revive the work in Litchfield. Next Friday evening Bro. Studebaker and I will hold a social prayer meeting at a sister's house in Litchfield, and by request will anoint Brother Rench who is very poorly. Brother Rench is an old soldier in the army of the Lord—has been a member of the church for over fifty years and has identified himself with the Brethren church for a number of years.

On next Sabbath, the 20th, I will preach at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. in Litchfield at the sister's house. (I forgot her name.)

I hope the Lord will bless our meetings and that the work may start anew and that the organization may be strengthened. Brethren, I believe that the Mission board of Illinois ought to do something for this place. I merely call their attention to it. Brother Dan Studebaker can be counseled and corresponded with.

I will be home at Troy, Ohio, June the first, to attend our State Conference, to be held at West Alexandria, Ohio, sometime in June; hope the announcement will be made in this week's EVANGELIST.

The church at Troy, Ohio, and Bloomer, Ohio, of which I am elder are in peace and union and will be represented at the State Convention. The pulpit at Troy is occupied in my

absence by Elder Thompson and Brother Eckard. Two ministers, one was a Methodist and the other from the German Baptist Brethren. Elder Thompson came over from the Methodist last winter and was baptized. He was a minister in good standing for over thirty years, he is very pious and devoted. His aged wife also expressed her desire to unite with us but was not baptized last winter on account of poor health.

But two weeks ago, before I left Troy, she said, "God bless you, Brother Mikesell, and as soon as you come back I want to go in the water."

May the Lord give her strength to carry out her desire.

Your brother,  
SIMON MIKESSELL.

THE GOOD MEETING AT HOMER-  
VILLE REPORTED.

Our Love Feast is among the past. On Saturday evening May 12th, a goodly number met at our church house for the purpose of practicing the ordinances, and eating the Lord's supper. About seventy Brothers and Sisters participated. The occasion was an enjoyable one, and if any one went away from the place without a blessing it was not because, of any disorder, as the members and spectators acted very respectfully.

Members from the Fair Haven church, and from the Ashland city church, were with us to participate in the services. Brethren Brown, Kiefer and Haskins were the preachers who came and helped Bro. Jacobs in the work which belongs to ministers upon such occasions.

Bro. Haskins offered the opening prayer, which was very appropriate. Bro. Kiefer read the scripture on feet washing. Bro. Haskins talked on this subject. Bro. Brown officiated, or passed the bread and cup, and Bro. Jacobs led the singing. On Sunday, and Sunday eve Bro. Brown preached for us. In conclusion, let me say, come again, brothers and sisters.

D. J. MYERS.

Homerville, O., May 16th, 1894.

## A NEW FIELD.

CORINTH, W. VA., May 1st, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—We Brethren here, though few, are trying to serve our Master. We did not have any Brethren preacher for one year until Brother Love came in February and preached for us one week. We were all greatly revived by his preaching. Brother Love is a very good preacher and we know he has the love of God in his heart. He came here a stranger to us but we were all sorry to see him leave.

Brother Buckalew preaches for us once a month. We hope that the church may be greatly built up. We had communion services at the church seven miles from here the 21st of April, conducted by Brother Buckalew and Brother Freeland. Had a very good meeting. We organized our Sunday School the first Sunday

in April. Although it is small in numbers it is very good in interest, and we pray that it may increase. We are thankful that we have the privilege of taking our children where they can learn the way to heaven. May the Lord be with us and help those of us who are parents to do our duty. The Lord will be with the Brethren everywhere, is my prayer.

MARY NORDECK.

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